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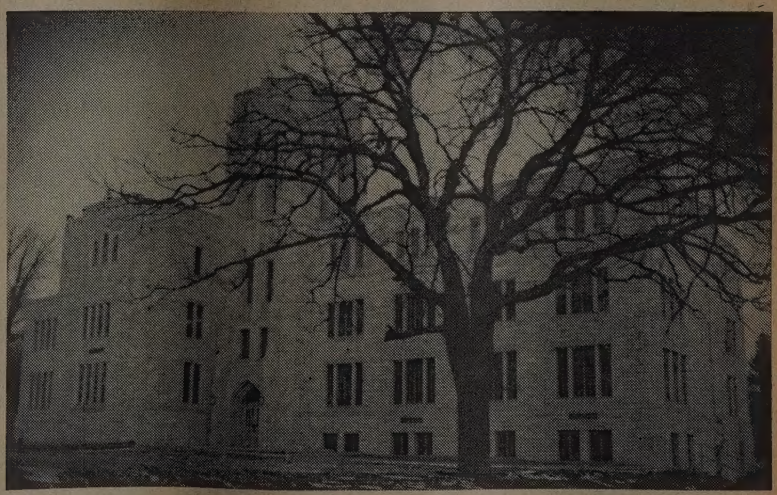

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For New Laborers

Excerpts From the Service of Ordination

THE ORDINATION CHARGE

I, therefore, charge and enjoin upon you:

That you give diligence always to preach the Word of God in its purity, as found in the Prophetic and Apostolic Writings, and as taught in the Confessions of the Lutheran Church;

That you administer the two Sacraments as instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself;

That you admonish your hearers faithfully to a true repentance, and a holy life of love toward God and man; and

That you yourself make sincere endeavor to live according to the Word of God, so as to serve the Lord in truth as a right shepherd of the flock entrusted to you.

Do you promise me here as before the all-knowing God, in full dependence upon the grace which the Triune God Himself shall bestow, to perform all this with fidelity?

THE ORDINATION PRAYER

Merciful and everlasting God: By the Word of Thine Only-Begotten Son Thou hast taugh us that the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; and that we should pray the Lor of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest. Hear, therefore, the prayer we offe in behalf of him whom we ordain this day to be a servant in Thy Church. Lord, keep him i Thy Name, and sanctify him in Thy truth, strengthen him in faith and in love toward Thee and bestow upon him through Thy Spirit the gifts of ministration, that he may become a righ laborer in Thy harvest. Help him to proclaim Thy word with boldness and fidelity, to counsel comfort, and rebuke with all meekness and wisdom, and in all things conduct himself as a goo steward of Thy manifold grace. Be with him in every conflict and trial, and make him patien and humble in heart; for Thy power is made perfect in weakness. Make fruitful his labors accord ing to Thine own good pleasure, and when his day of toil shall end, receive him with joy in Thin own good presence, there to inherit a portion with all Thy saints in everlasting bliss. Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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Lutheran Theological Seminary at Ranchi, Bihar, India

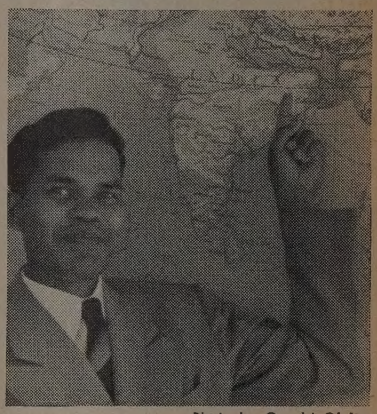
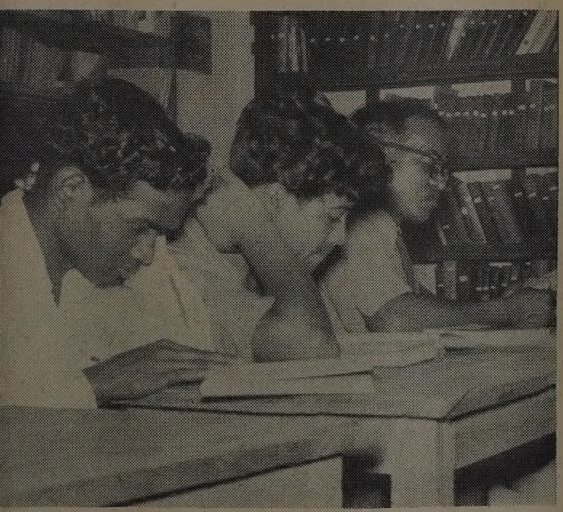


Photo by Gerald Giving

Martin TeTe, pictured above pointing to the location of his home in India, tells in this article the history of the Gossner Mission in India, his home in the same province as the Santal Mission. Located neat Calcutta, the Gossner Mission is south of the Santal Mission. Mr. TeTe is at present a student at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He spent four years at the Mission's own Lutheran Theological Seminary in Ranchi, Bihar, India, and came to this country in December, 1954. Mr. TeTe hopes to spend next year at Luther Seminary also, and then return to India to become ordained as a pastor and teacher to his own people in the Ranchi district. His early education was received in grade and high schools of the Roman Catholic Church, which provided the educational systems in this Ranchi district.

The Gossner Mission in India

Martin TeTe

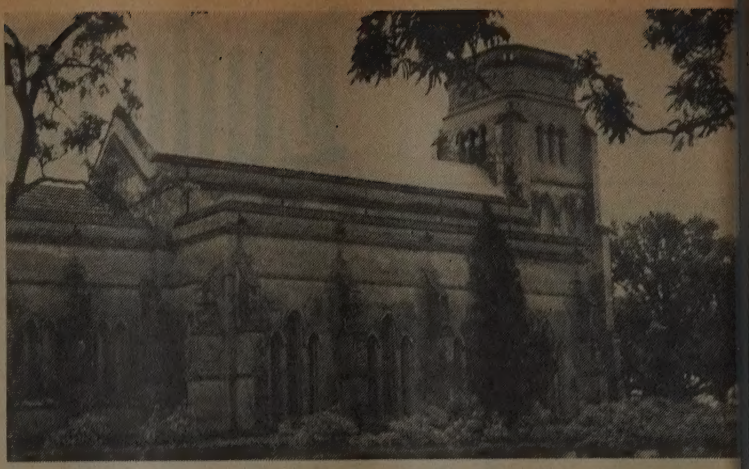


ictured above, with two students, is Professor S. A. B. Lakra (right) udying in the library at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Ranchi, har, India.

My American brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ are very proud of their Santal Mission in India. They know much about the Santal Mission, and by such knowledge do well. Everyone must know and thank God for what He has done through our predecessors for the propagation of the Gospel. May I now draw attention to a neighboring church of the Santal.

Gossner Mission, to which I belong, has its origin in Germany. Regarding the relationship between Gossner and Santal, my people say that Santal is the daughter of Gossner, because Skrefsrud, by whom the Lord Jesus founded the Santal Mission in 1867, first went to the Gossner Mission. There he was appointed to erect a new building. But his interest from the beginning was in preaching for the Lord, rather than in erecting buildings for Him. He moved to the north of Gossner Mission and founded Santal. There are similarities between the historical background and culture of the Gossner and Santal peoples. In the near future these two churches are expected to become one. Meetings of the

churches' officers to propose a constitution for the union are being held from time to time. As to the life of the Gossner Mission in India, the history follows thus:



First Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ranchi, Bihar, India

In the middle of the winter of 1844, four well-known German missionaries sent by the father, Johannes Gossner, arrived at Calcutta, the third largest city of the world. While out walking one morning they saw some street-sweepers in the city. The missionaries approached them and asked them about themselves and their province. The poor street-sweepers timidly replied that they were the poor aborigines of the table-land of Chotanagpur in the state of Bihar, North-East India, and that they had come to earn their bread at Calcutta. To the present day the aborigines of Chotanagpur usually go to work on a temporary or a permanent basis in the tea gardens at the foot of the Himalayas. Seasonal workers in large numbers leave Ranchi during the summer season to work in the coal fields and other factories which are found on the boundaries of the table-land, and return back home after having labored for six or seven months. They are poor and peace-loving farmers, with their own language and culture. Through the light of the Gospel they are improving their condition both educationally and financially.

The missionaries felt pity for these street-sweepers and came down to Ranchi, the summer capital of the state of Bihar, in 1845. One can still see the names of the missionaries inscribed on a memorial stone standing in front of the president's bungalow of the Gossner Mission in India. They were the Reverend E. Schantz, the Reverend A. Brandt, F. Batsch and J. Th. Janke. They preached the Gospel at Ranchi for four years, but gained not a soul. Disappointed and disheartened, they de cided to go back. But, the father Gossner requested then to continue preaching. They did continue as they wer bidden, and their joy knew no bounds when, on th ninth day of June, 1850, they gained four souls. Thes four souls represented a tribal group that is calle Uraon. On October 26, 1851, they gained two more soul from the tribal group called Munda. In the same yea on the 18th day of the following month, the mission aries laid the foundation of Christ Church, Ranchi. Th church was completed and consecrated on Decembe 24, 1855.

In 1857 the Sepoy mutiny broke out in India, and th Gossner Church went through persecution. The mis sionaries had to go to Calcutta for safety and the poo Christians were persecuted. They did not move a inch from the Lord Jesus Christ. The Sepoy, beside persecuting the Christians, tried their utmost to destro the church by machine gun fire, but it also stood, a though the organ and window-glass were lost. Th government soon calmed the Sepoy and the missionarie came back. The Christians were glad to see them. Th

The photo (left) shows the theological students writing their annual exams at the Seminary, and pictured at the right is the Rev. J. J. T Tiga, principal, conducting the morning devotions in the chapel at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Ranchi, India.

Church then began to grow vigorously. On June 8, 1866, wo souls accepted Christ. These two souls represented ne tribal group which is called Kharia.

At present these three tribal groups, mentioned before, re themselves conducting most of the mission work. ouls from other groups of India have been won by iem. The first two groups have the Bible and hymn ooks in their own tongues. The third group is now anslating the Bible into its mother-tongue. It has as et only a hymn book. Inter-marriages between these iree groups are taking place here and there.

The church services are conducted in five different ialects, according to the linguistic majority in each lace. A typical service is held in a church constructed f mud walls and a tile roof. These buildings are not eautiful, but they are very dear to their people. In ome places these buildings have been improved. The ord Jesus Christ has used these mud and tile structures o carry the Gospel up to Assam, in the north-east cor- er of India, to the west, in the state of Madhya Pradesh, nd to the south, down to the state of Orissa. Outside nd inside its home province, the Gossner Church has iission fields.

During the First World War, in 1915, all the mission- ries were sent back to Germany by the government of ndia, and the Christians were left as sheep without a hepherd. The Church in those critical days was guided y the Holy Spirit to declare itself autonomous, on July 0, 1919. The Church is called by her registered name, THE GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

The membership of the church in 1951, 1952 and 1953 vas, respectively, 191,181; 196,554, and 199,454. There re 94 pastors this year, including two missionaries and bout 700 catechists. The total number of missionaries s only five, including three ladies.

To train men for pastoral work the missionaries tarted a theological seminary in 1865. This seminary n 1949 became affiliated with Serampore College, West Bengal, and successful candidates receive the Licentiate n Theology degree. Every four years, twelve leaders graduate from this seminary, prepared for work in the Gossner Church. About a hundred years ago the Church had only one high school, but after the Second World War the number of high schools increased to 14. Five of these high schools are aided by the government and he rest are self-supported.

Financially the Gossner Church is not sound. It is nable to give full wages to its preachers, pastors and eachers. Sometimes the pastors, preachers and teachers get only one-fourth of their full wages. Hence, evan- gelization and institutional work always suffer. The Church needs more trained pastors and leaders to do ts work well.

Items of Interest From ELC Films

We at ELC Films feel that we would like to keep you better posted on the latest films as they arrive in our library and also give you helpful suggestions on films for your organizations. From time to time we will use space in the LUTHERAN HERALD to bring you up to date on the latest films.

We get many requests from Luther Leagues for films for the younger "set." One of our new films is called FOUR TO GO and is a colored 14 minute film on witnessing. It is geared to the high school level, and if you are a teen-ager it will be easy to find yourself represented throughout the story. This film rents for $6.00 from the ELC film library.

Another suggestion for an audio-visual on this subject is a colored sound filmstrip entitled AND YOU ALSO ARE WITNESSES. This is also for teen-agers and is sure-fire to spark off a discussion on how we can witness in our everyday lives without being sanctimonious about it. This filmstrip rents for $2.50 from our library.

Our summer rates begin June 1 on all of our Moody Science films and on most of the Cathedral Productions. For example, our $7.00, $8.00, and $9.00 Cathedral films rent for $5.00 and our $10.00, $11.00, and $12.00 films for $8.00. The Moody Science films have been reduced anywhere from $2.00 to $5.00 on each film.

PRIOR CLAIM is one of the newest Moody Science films. It is a 45 minute, full color presentation of nature's wonders. The theme of the film is that some of the most modern inventions of man, even those hailed as the great electronic advances of our time, operate on the same principles that God's lowly creatures have been using since the time of creation. We see that God in His infinite wisdom has "prior claim" to all of man's inventions—He was there first. The summer rate on this film is $15.00.

These films can be used at summer camps, outdoor services, summer assemblies, community services, daily vacation church school, and "pulpit supply" while the pastor is on vacation.

If anyone would like more information on reduced summer rates or suggestions on films and specific subjects they should write or phone ELC Films, Times Building, Fourth and Marquette, Minneapolis, Minn., Filmore 2751.

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Still Our "Infant

On November 13, 1950, the California District of The Evangelical Lutheran Church was established. LUTHERAN HERALD duly recorded the birth as having taken place at 9:36 P.M. that day, the exact minute at which Dr. Aasgaard called the constituting convention to order.

It was an "infant" district which came into being in Los Angeles that evening, as all will admit. That was, of course true as to age; it was the first district added to our roster since the church body was founded in 1917. It was true also as to number of congregations, a total of 44 making up the charter roster. It was true as to membership as well, about 16,000 souls. Half of the congregations were less than six years old.

Yet it was a decidedly lusty infant from the first day. Fifteen fields had been assigned to it, to be occupied as rapidly as possible. The pastors were a good deal younger than the average, men of both ability and vision, and men who knew that their district would not remain an infant long. There were dreams of a college, dreams which the district is still struggling to bring to fulfillment.

The writer of these lines was present at that historic convention. He came away deeply impressed and recorded his enthusiasm in an issue of the church paper dated December 12, an issue which was given over almost altogether to the task of making the Church acquainted with this new arrival in the family. Others who wrote were Dr. Aasgaard, who presided at the convention; Dr. H. L. Foss, president of the Pacific District of which California had previously been a part; Dr. Philip S. Dybvig, who as executive director of Home Missions had an intimate knowledge of the great field presented by the geographical area of the district; Dr. Magnus Dahlen, who told about opportunities for welfare work; and an unnamed writer who told about Luther League work. A special section of the paper was devoted to picturing every parish pastor in the district. And there was a map showing where each congregation was located, a map which served better to impress one with the "wide open spaces" than with the number of places already occupied.

In the four and one half years since then, we have had the opportunity of re-visiting the California District several times. On each occasion from half a dozen to a dozen congregations and/or fields have been visited. On each occasion there has been opportunity to evaluate the soundness of the enthusiasm of 1950 in the light of the progress being made. The experience has in no case been disappointing.

Comes now 1955, the fifth anniversary year. To be quite accurate, it is not exactly that, since the new district did not begin to function until the beginning of 1951. However, 1955 is a district convention year which 1956 will not be. Therefore it is quite proper to speak of this year's district meeting in California as the fifth anniversary convention. The editor had the privilege of attending most of the sessions. Elsewhere in this issue is the official report of the convention. It provides the facts as to what transpired. We can, therefore here confine ourselves to sidelights and comments.

We hope our friends in California will forgive the title of this sketch. Of course the California District is still our "infant." No other district has been established since 1950 and none will be before the merger. Furthermore, it is still not a large district.

But it is growing fast! Total number of congregations has risen to 68. Baptized membership at the close of 1954 was almost exactly 30,000. That means, in point of comparison, that it has moved from tenth place to ninth, with eighth place a goal easily attainable, at the present rate of growth, in a very few years. In per cent of growth, the year 1954 saw an increase in baptized membership of about 18%. Had the entire ELC grown at the same rate, its membership would be far above the one-million mark. Actual membership increase has been almost 90%!

The end is nowhere in sight. We believe that it is literally true, as one of the pastors told us, that the only limitations there are upon expansion are those imposed by lack of money and lack of men. President Falde reported to his district that plans to enter 11 new fields in 1955 have received the blessing of the Department of Home Missions. In addition, property is to be purchased in seven assigned fields which it is hoped will be occupied in the near future. To be sure, the restrictions we just mentioned may make it impossible to enter so many fields each year. Yet we are sure that each year will see many new congregations established, a process which will go on indefinitely.

When one studies the growth in membership of the district, one is fully as much impressed by the continuing growth of the already established congregations as one is by the number of new congregations being established. We have made a rather superficial comparison of the membership of the 44 charter congregations for 1950 and 1954. While our figures are not altogether accurate, they are close enough to establish our point. The 41 congregations for which we have figures from 1950 showed a total baptized membership of 15,277. At the end of 1954, all 41 are still in existence

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Growing Fast

nd now show a membership of 22,096. That is an in-rease of 6,819, or 44.6%.

Several interesting conclusions may be drawn. One is hat the greatest growth has been in new congrega-ions. Three of the "original" congregations have shown loss in membership (one as high as 20%); all three re among the older congregations in the district. Sev-ral show phenomenal growth (as high as 301%). It ppears, then, that in very many cases, the older con-gregations are not now as strategically placed as some f those which have been established since the tre-nendous population increase began in California.

Institutionally, the district is still weak. Actually here is but one district-owned institution—the Sol-heim Home for the Aged in Eagle Rock near Los Angeles. Under its superintendent, the Rev. S. D. Dis-ud, this has become one of the finest of its kind in our entire Church. Since one session of the convention vas held there, it was possible to have a good look at t. It is an institution to be proud of.

Without doubt, the next great need which must be net is for a college. As we remarked earlier, there was alk of that at the constituting convention. The report f the convention in this issue shows that it is a ques-ion which is still much to the fore. It may be ques-ioned whether there will be time to establish the col-ege before the merger, but we certainly believe that it vill come in a very few years.

One further thought from our infant district. As far s we have been able to determine, no other district as gone quite so far in making of the district an ntity with projects of its own. Take, for example, the ield of Parish Education. Anyone can understand how remendously important this work is in a district which draws from a pool of unchurched of almost limitless proportions, in which practically every congregation as almost continuous adult classes. One of the actions f the convention was to issue a permanent Call to Miss Sadie Austin, who has been in charge of promoting his work on a term basis.

We readily grant that too much independence in district affairs might tend to form a "Church within he Church." On the other hand, it is recognized that weakness in ELC polity for many years has been he lack of authority in the district, a situation which ve hope will be remedied in the merged Church. Cali-ornia can teach us something about that.

There certainly is no intention here of stating or implying that our "infant" district has outstripped the older children of the ELC family. What we have written does not mean to say, "Look at this, and do your best." It is true that the California District has done and is doing a superlative job. The Church should know that and may well congratulate its members, pastors, and leaders. However, that is rather incidental.

To us, the chief lesson of these years in the California District is one of *honored faith*. It is, after all, only a decade or two since the Home Mission work of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in California was not exactly anything to boast of. It is because there was faith in what could be done and because God honored that faith that we see what we do today.

That faith may properly be said to be the faith of the entire Church, not only of those who live in California. When the convention of 1950 agreed to a partition of the Pacific District, giving California and adjacent states district status, that was an act of faith.

It is also the faith of the Department of Home Missions which God has honored. In a real sense, California was the testing ground of the Home Mission technics which have proved so successful. There were plenty of people who shook their heads at the seemingly tremendous Church Extension loans necessary to finance the new congregations which have come into being out there since the war. Not only has the faith of the Home Mission Board and its executives been vindicated. We believe that it has been demonstrated that in no other way could the job have been done.

Finally, we want to mention one other group of people whose faith has been honored: the pastors who are serving those congregations. Gone—forever we are sure—is the Home Mission theory which says, "Let's send the new men, the untried, the inexperienced, into our young congregations. They make a fine training ground for the men newly ordained." Truth to tell, that always was a poor theory—unfair to the men and unfair to the congregations. Home Mission congregations are *not* postgraduate theological seminaries.

In its place is the theory that it takes an experienced man, a man who has come up through years of successful ministry, to cope successfully with the myriad problems of establishing and integrating a new congregation. All honor to the pastors who are doing the job, in California and elsewhere in the ELC.

The convention of the California District was held unusually early, the reason being that the convention of the Luther League is to be held in San Francisco the latter part of June. The other district conventions will be assembling soon after this is read. We shall try to report them all and give editorial attention to at least one other convention and the district it represents.

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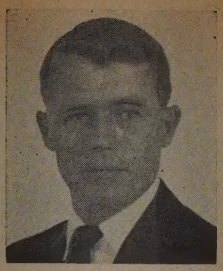

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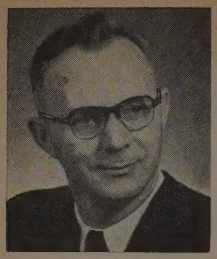

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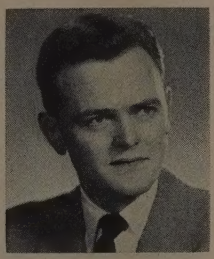

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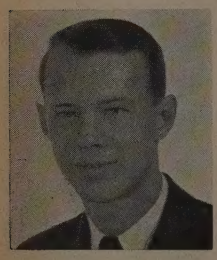

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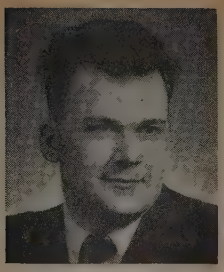

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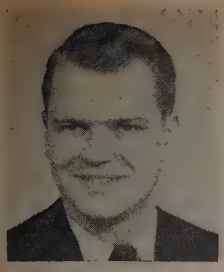

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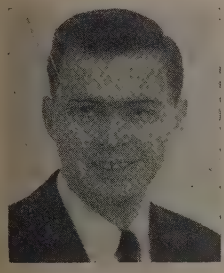

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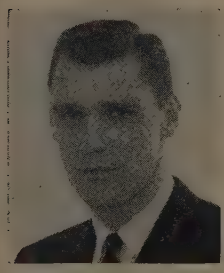

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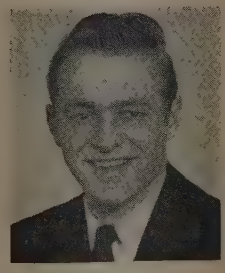

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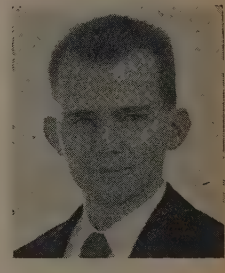

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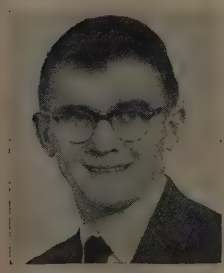

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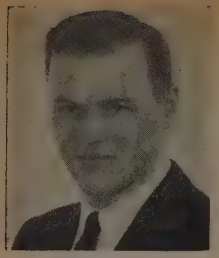

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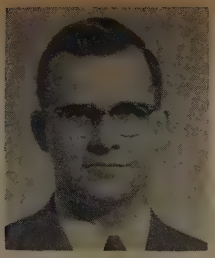

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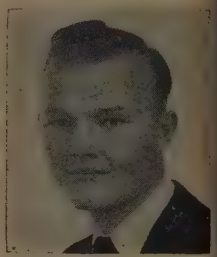

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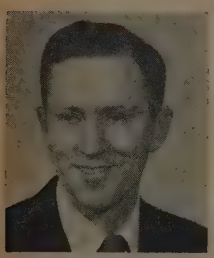

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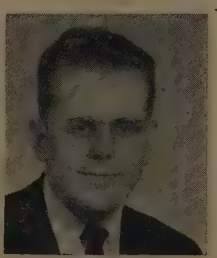

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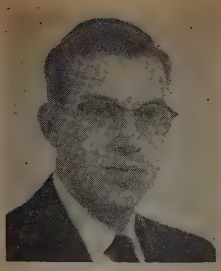

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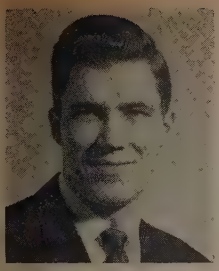

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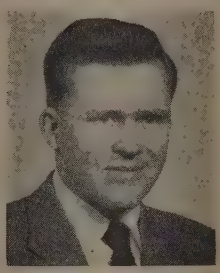

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Fredrik A. Schiotz
President of the ELC

esident Woodrow Wilson used to say, "The nation ews its leadership from the rural communities." at's the equivalent of saying: the farm raises more n grain, vegetables, and animal foods; it also grows ople. If there is a disposition to doubt this observation, eck the rolls of professional and business leadership d note how frequently childhood years were lived the small town or on the farm.

In the LUTHERAN HERALD for May 3 two editorials d an article by Betty Westrom pointed up the rural ength of our Church. This is a resource for which have every reason to be most grateful. However, it not a treasure that can be taken for granted. The bility of American population extends to the rural well as to the urban areas: a few decades can there- e make for a tremendous shift in constituency. Some American churches have a very small rural pop- tion and have sensed this as an element of weakness. seeking to correct this condition, one great church in America has made strenuous efforts to recruit a rural membership. Often it has been done by stimulating some of its members to buy up farms in Lutheran communities. Let not the people of our Church dissipate the heritage God has given us by thoughtless sale of farm properties. Know your buyer if you have to sell.

If you must sell, or if you plan to buy a farm, use the *Placement Service* of our Church. If what you see advertised in the LUTHERAN HERALD does not fit your requirements, correspond with Mr. Arthur Christenson, director of the Placement Service.

If there are members who move from your community to urban areas and you don't know the name and address of a Lutheran pastor in that area, notify Mr. Christenson. The Placement Service has had some experiences stranger than fiction in conserving souls through the use of filing cards and correspondence. Conservation and our P-T-R Missions are two sides of a common Kingdom concern.

Leadership Training in Church Music

Oscar R. Ove
Executive Dir
The Choral Union,

To Meet Local Needs

The Choral Union will sponsor four music leadership institutes this summer. This is in addition to the church music seminar-institute to be held at Berkeley, California, June 27-July 1. These institutes are designed to meet needs which more and more are felt throughout the congregations of the Church. To organize and carry on a progressive, inspiring ministry of music in a local congregation, the paramount need is that of especially trained leadership. In many places this may have been a problem which has been considered insolvable. The congregation has been led to believe that mediocre music has to be their lot—they are not situated to do anything about it. We should like to report, however, that something very realistic *can* be done. The leadership institutes now held in various sections of the Church have proven fruitful beyond all expectations. It is hoped that many more who are directly or indirectly responsible for music activities will be reached with this announcement, and will include one of the institutes in their summer vacation plans.

Our Instructors

As your executive director, it has been my responsibility to engage instructors for our institutes. Again we feel that we have been blessed with a highly qualified faculty in each place. Those who have promised to join us in this major venture of our Choral Union mission are teachers with experience and of professional caliber. Many of them hold positions on the music faculties of our church colleges. We are deeply indebted to these mission-minded individuals for their willingness to serve. They receive no financial remuneration. This helps to make it possible to attend the institutes at a remarkably low cost.

Other Staff Members

Each institute is supported by a staff of willing workers, who are experienced in their fields. They include a dean, a manager-treasurer, a registrar, and other assistants. Many are district Choral Union presidents and musical directors, and members of the Choral Union General Board. They contribute much to the tone, ter and whole spirit of the institutes. They take charg Matins, Vespers, and many routine matters.

The Daily Schedule

A glimpse at the daily schedule will explain quite what the institutes are offering. After Matins, or m ing devotions, classes begin. The forenoon session clude Choir Training, a class for directors, and oth in organizing and training church choirs. Rehearsal tine, music, all phases of choir work are discussed demonstrated. A similar period in junior choir w follows, with a special junior choir present for dem stration purposes. Sunday school song instruction, m ods and hymns, is included. This is the very impor hour devoted to the music of the children in the chu program. Liturgy and Worship Music concludes morning. This is a discussion of the layman's part the Order of Service, and the meaning and proper of all the parts that are involved in worship. Hyn and congregational singing are important features.

The afternoon schedule begins with a class in T Role of the Church Organist. How to lead the hy singing and the whole Order of Service; how to company choir and soloist; how to buy and ins organs—these are common topics. A class in the Fun mentals of Voice as these affect solo and ensemble si ing, also chanting, gives a practical survey of bre support, vowels and consonants, and diction and t production in general. This is geared to the needs choir directors as well as singers and rank and f There are also panels in special organ techniques a conducting. A longer evening session takes the fo of a clinic rehearsal at which old and new music is a read and evaluated. A concert program is prepared. T day closes with a Vesper service.

To this schedule is added private instruction in Org and Voice, consultations, music exhibits, and mu stimulating fellowship with church musicians from and near. Kits with lists of music for all purpos choir songs for class use, and other useful material available. A public concert is given at the close each institute.

CHURCH MUSIC INSTITUTE, LUTHER COLLEGE, AUGUST, 1954

DATES AND PLACES OF INSTITUTES

Augustana College
SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK., JUNE 6-11

an: Dr. Arnold Running, Augustana College
gistrar: Mrs. Clara Harvey, Augustana College
tructors: Dr. Running, Merle Pflueger and Clifford Olson, all of the Augustana College music faculty; Olive Okdale Kildahl, Minot, N. Dak.; Oscar R. Overby.
st: Tuition and room, full time, $11.00; part time, 2.50 per day. Children under 14 years, $3.00; part ime, .50 per day. Under six, no charge. Meals served n college cafeteria; pay as you order.

Lutherdale Bible Camp
ELKHORN, WIS., JULY 24-30

an: The Rev. E. W. Wilson, Rio, Wis.
gistrar: The Rev. Irvin A. Suby, 136 N. Jackson St., anesville, Wis.
tructors: Dr. Laurence N. Field, Luther Seminary, t. Paul, Minn.; Elfrieda Winninger, Milwaukee, Wis.; Frank Pooler, Albert Lea, Minn.; Melba Sands, t. Paul, Minn.; Oscar R. Overby.
st: Tuition, board and room, full time, $17.50; part ime, $3.75 per day. Children under 11 years, $11.50; 2.25 per day. Under 8, $6.00; $1.00 per day.

Park River Bible Camp
GRAFTON, N. DAK., AUGUST 8-14

Dean: The Rev. R. C. Reinholtzen, Cloquet, Minn.
Registrar: The Rev. Erling Estrem, 1026 17th St. S., Fargo, N. Dak.
Instructors: The Rev. Enoch Tetlie, Deerfield, Wis.; Agnes J. Kise, Concordia Conservatory of Music, Fargo; Ruth Lien Larsen, Moorhead, Minn.; Melba Sands, St. Paul, Minn.; Oscar R. Overby.
Cost: Tuition, board and room, full time, $17.50; part time, $4.00 per day. Children under 14 years, $10.00; $1.75 per day. Under 6, $3.00; .60 per day.

Pacific Lutheran College
PARKLAND, WASH., AUGUST 22-26

Dean: The Rev. A. M. Karlstad, Poulsbo, Wash.
Registrar: Mrs. Ted Landsem, Molalla, Oregon.
Instructors: Gunnar J. Malmin, Pacific Lutheran College; Dorothy Malmin, Parkland, Wash.; Gertrude Boe Overby, Northfield, Minn.; Glen Bergh, Tacoma, Wash.; Oscar R. Overby.
Cost (Tentative): Tuition, board and room, full time, $20.00; part time, tuition and room, $2.50 per day; meals in cafeteria. Children, no charge, except for meals.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

hile professionals are welcome—they stimulate the inutes a great deal, and also reap benefits—the instruction is geared to the level of rank and file. The less ned directors, organists and teachers, who often feel t such institutes are above their heads, are urged to e consideration to the opportunities offered. Congations can help their music leaders, as well as themves, in a realistic way by paying the expenses involved attending one of the institutes. Who should attend? Sunday school song teachers, junior and senior choir directors, organists, singers, pastors, officers of the organizations and boards, and others interested in promoting a vital church music program.

Make reservations early by writing to the Registrar of the institute involved. Enclose advance registration fee of $1.00, to be applied on tuition. Bring bedding and towels. Families are invited.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hest

TOWARD TRINITY SUNDAY

The Epistle: Titus 3:3-7

The Gospel: Matthew 28:1

Monday, May 30
STRANGE DOINGS!
Read 1 Peter 1:1-9

Without having seen him you love him . . . you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy.

How truly odd is the position of the believer! He believes in something, in Someone, he cannot see. When pinned down or backed against the wall, he has a hard time to explain it fully.

Of course, he can tell how he has come to believe in God, in Christ, and the Holy Spirit. These have been revealed in the Word. Sometimes faith in the Trinity has been there since childhood. Sometimes it came in adult years. But it is hard to explain how this faith has been implanted and made alive by the power of God.

Then, too cap it all, there is this rejoicing. This is brought on by something that in other eyes is supposed to put an end to joy! Strange doings, indeed!

Are you in the know on this? Do you love Him, and are you entertaining this unutterable joy? If so, be glad for the wisdom you have, and be grateful for your brand of joy!

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Tuesday, May 31
THE PRESENCE
Read Matthew 28:16-20

"Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

According to Matthew's account, these were the last words Jesus spoke to His Disciples after He had given the marching orders of the Great Commission. He guaranteed His constant presence wherever they would be, whatever they would do.

To this day the promise stands. It is both comforting and disturbing. The disturbing part consists in this that always you have Christ looking over your shoulder. Whatever you are doing or thinking He is there to see it and to know it. This fact serves to keep us true to His purposes and commands. If the presence of Christ cannot command us in this way, we soon lose Him; we drive Him away. If we allow Him to have His say in our decisions and let Him sit at the head of the table of our thoughts, we shall be blessed and what we do will prosper to His glory.

What better companion can anyone have? What more comforting, healing, strengthening, and inspiring Friend can there be?

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Wednesday, June 1
BENEDICTION
Read Numbers 6:22-27

"The Lord bless you and keep . The Lord make his face to shine you, and be gracious to you: The lift up his countenance upon you, give you peace."

Here are words that many of us been acquainted with from the ea days of our recollection. But how m of us recognize in them something va more than "what they use to close ligious doings with!"

From the standpoint of ritual, Benediction is one of the most anc possessions of the Church. Composed Jehovah, it was recited first to Mo He in turn instructed Aaron in its The children of Israel were the first bow their heads under its pronouncem

Volumes are spoken in its three phra The blessing, keeping Father; the grac Redeemer; the peace-giving Spirit are remembered and invoked.

The Benediction belongs to a form life. It goes with a frame of heart mind. It brings its blessing where look up and are ready to receive.

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Thursday, June 2
WHAT DO YOU DO?
Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord.

There is something to do for every person in the Christian Church. What do you do? You may not be a pastor, but you can witness all the same. You may not be a teacher in the Sunday school, but you can point the way to the truth, even so. You may not have a position of leadership, but that does not mean that you have nothing to do. You can be a follower.

The point is, the Spirit Who works in all true believers works through them in a great variety of ways. It should be the prayer of every Christian that he may be used of the Spirit in any manner He chooses. It need not be something great.

A humble man came to his pastor and said, "We have a neighboring family that ought to come to church. We have talked to them about it. But now, we would like to have you go to see them." This man was doing something! He was letting the Spirit put to work what little he had.

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Friday, June 3
THE TRINITY
Read Matthew 3:13-17

And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened.

The baptism of Jesus was a significant event. It was done, as Jesus said, "to fulfil all righteousness." He wished to align Himself with the work of John the Baptist. Immediately following the baptism, "the heavens were opened." The Spirit of God was seen descending like a dove, and alighted on Jesus. There was a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

In support of the Bible teaching of the Holy Trinity, reference is often and rightly made to this passage. For here all three Persons are presented, and are presented at the same place and time. This is set forth without any attempt at explanation. It is merely put down as a plain statement of fact.

Those who believe in the Word of God rejoice in a God who creates, redeems and sanctifies. This is no far-away deity. This is the Triune God who dwells with men.

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Saturday, June 4
UPLIFTING MOMENTS
Read Isaiah 6:3-7

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of ho the whole earth is full of his glory."

Isaiah was a privileged man. He a scene so wonderful that he could har describe it. He saw the Lord "sitting up a throne, high and lifted up." It c to him at the time of his call. He not being sent out to do the chores of earthly boss, he was being called to b prophet of the Lord Most High. W the call there came a moment of g uplifting.

None of us can hope for the sort vision that came to Isaiah. But the L does provide us with uplifting mome that are meant to give us inspirati courage, and a strengthened faith.

Such moments come to us in our p vate times of Bible reading and pray Sometimes, while we go walking alo the way, if we keep ourselves in t with God, we can be lifted up to hig thoughts. And surely in Christian w ship these moments come to us time a again.

Thank God for these precious m ments!

... the Power of ...e Holy Spirit

Harold B. Kildahl

PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 29, 1955
Text: John 14:15-21

...he power of the Holy Spirit we know Christ. That's ..., because all else in the Christian faith and life de... ...ds on knowing Him, even as He Himself said: ...is is life eternal that they might know Thee the ... True God and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." ...y the power of the Holy Spirit faith is enlivened. ...h identifies Christ with God. Faith realizes that ...e is but one way for the soul and being of man ...ome to God, that way which He Himself announced ...n He said: "I am the way, the truth and the life; ...man cometh unto the Father but by me." Faith ...izes that the way to the Father is by the cross of ...ist. Such faith is enlivened by the Holy Spirit.

...y the power of the Holy Spirit Christians are com... ...ed. This is not alone a matter of finding comfort ...imes of distress and trial. Man is in need of comfort ...y passing day; comfort in the assurance of mercy ...the forgiveness of sin, comfort in the strength God ...vides for meeting trials and temptation, comfort in ... fellowship of the Spirit. Such comfort is real, just ...eal as the comfort that the Holy Spirit bestows by ... Word in times of sorrow and pain. Isn't that what ... Lord intended to be the experience of Christians ...n He said: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will ...e to you"?

...y the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to "keep ... commandments of the Lord." The Christian, en... ...ed by the grace of God, strengthened by the love of ..., enabled by the Spirit of God finds joy and bless... ... in keeping His commandments. Thus, our Lord ...s Christ could well say, "Blessed is he who hears ... Word of God and keeps it."

...y the power of the Holy Spirit we are assured of ... This is the Christian's great hope—life without end, ...nal in the realm of light and love. It seems a pre...terous thing to some, an expression of man's in...itable ego to others, a wild surge of fantasy to ...rs still, but to the Christian, life is the promise of ..., the end of Christ's mission, the gift of the Spirit, ... in the end will glorify the believer. "Because I live ...shall live also" are the words of our Lord.

...y the power of the Holy Spirit, who on this day ... shed abroad and given to the world, we are Chris...s. He, the third person in the God-head, whose work...ship is the Christian church, who applies the re...iptive work of Christ to human hearts and lives, is ... Comforter, our sanctifier, who leads us to the ...ist of God, our Savior and our Friend. Amen.

California District Meets for Three-day Convention

The California District of The Evangelical Lutheran Church met for a three-day convention April 25 to 28, with sessions held at Central Lutheran Church in Van Nuys, Calif. The Rev. R. A. Ramseth is pastor of Central Lutheran.

Visiting speakers at the convention were Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church; Dr. Raymond M. Olson, director of stewardship of the ELC; Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of LUTHERAN HERALD and a member of the ELC Polity Committee; Dr. C. K. Preus, member of the ELC Union Committee; Dr. Orville Dahl, executive secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the ELC; the Rev. O. H. Hove, general secretary of the ELC, and the Rev. Roy Olson, director of public relations of Pacific Lutheran College at Parkland, Wash.

Four new congregations accepted into the District at the convention were St. Mark's at Chula Vista, Calif., the Rev. Erling Jacobsen, pastor; St. Timothy's at Hayward, Calif., the Rev. A. B. Swan, pastor; Calvary at Aina Haina, Honolulu, Hawaii, the Rev. Stanley Gjervik, pastor; and St. Stephen's at Granada Hills, Calif., the Rev. Gordon Tollefson, pastor.

Five new pastors welcomed into the California District were the Rev. Roy Malde of Hemet, Calif.; the Rev. Elvern Rommereim of Garden Grove, Calif.; the Rev. Henry Nielsen of San Mateo, Calif.; the Rev. Gordon Tollefson of Granada Hills, Calif., and the Rev. Robert Giles of Westchester, Calif. Miss Sadie Austin, who has served the district in a temporary capacity, will now be issued a regular Call to become the district director of Parish Education.

Christian Higher Education was a central topic of discussion at the convention; elected on a committee to be the representatives of the district in any inter-synodical plans and discussions on a Christian college for California were: Dr. Gaylerd Falde, Mr. Rolf Bodding; the Rev. Lyle B. Gangsei; the Rev. R. A. Ramseth; and the Rev. Erling Wold.

Resolutions adopted concerning a Christian college were:

"That the California District express their prayerful concern for the welfare of this project and invite all who deem it important to pray that God will further this objective in our midst.

"That this district body stands ready to join with any and all Lutheran bodies in California through an Inter-synodical California College Committee, to ad-

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Here and There on the Christian Front

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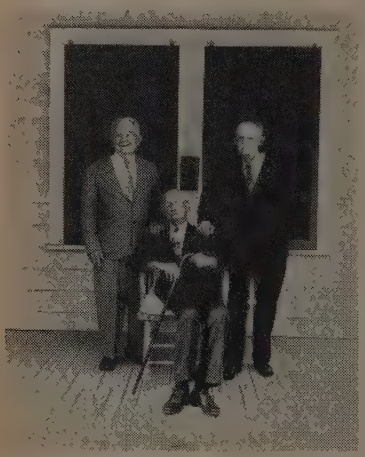
100TH BIRTHDAY FOR METHODIST MINISTER



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These three brothers, all retired Methodist ministers, were reunited at San Antonio, Texas at a 100th birthday party for the Rev. Arthur Everett Rector (center). The other two brothers are: The Rev. Carroll Rector, 88, of Shell Beach, Calif. (left), and the Rev. W. Early Rector, 96, of Carrizo Springs, Texas. Joining in tributes to the centenarian were Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish spokesmen. Mr. Rector, who became a minister in 1872, heard himself described as the last living link between the pioneer circuit rider and the modern day preacher.

CATHOLIC APPEAL FOR MORE MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

An appeal to all Christians to step up their missionary activities in Asia and Africa because "there no longer is an instant to lose" was made by KIPA, Swiss Catholic news agency. In a statement in connection with the Bandung Conference it said missionary work is becoming more and more the "primordial duty" of all Christians. Unless this is recognized, it added, the whole future may be lost to Christianity "at least for a long time ahead."

The statement, which was circulated to Catholic publications, emphasized that the future outlook demands that Christianity put all possible reserves "at the disposition of these countries and that Christendom send an adequate number of missionaries."

Observing that the Bandung Conference marked the opening of a new epoch in world history, the statement continued: "If Christianity does not want to lose all influence in the world of tomorrow, this is the moment to increase Christian influence in the countries of Asia and Africa, and to implant faith there. In a majority of these countries a movement has begun to prevent the progress and development of Christianity, or at least to limit it as much as possible."

ITALY'S FREEDOM TO WORSHIP

The State Department has issued a statement, in response to public inquiries about incidents involving the Churches of Christ in Italy, that "it knows of no case in Italy where Americans are denied the right to worship as they please."

The mission of the Churches of Christ in Rome has been having a battle with police about "freedom to put up signs," but the State Department feels that this is a matter for local Italian police jurisdiction and does not involve any issue of freedom of worship.

A total of 67 American mission have entered Italy since 1948 and overwhelming majority are still the Department said. At present are 14 American missionaries o Churches of Christ in Italy, who gether with 10 native Italian mini are caring for the spiritual nee about 1,000 members of that den nation.

WILKINS SEES CHIEF PROBLEMS AS THEOLOGICAL

The most important problems i world today are the "essentially logical questions to which relig leaders address themselves," Assi Secretary of Labor J. Ernest Wil told the semi-annual meeting of Methodist Council of Bishops. Negro government official, a Me dist layman, said: "To me it has ways seemed evident that only ligious considerations could ever tivate men and women to see sufficiently significant to make the mendous sacrifices it requires to n ish it and keep it healthy and str

MARCH TO COMMUNION BREAKFAST

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More than 5,000 men march in procession to Mechanics Building in Boston to att the fifth annual Protestant Laymen's Communion Breakfast. Earlier, the men participa in Communion services held in six churches of various denominations. Joint sponsors the event were: the Boston Baptist Social Union, the Boston Congregational Club, Episcopal Club of Massachusetts, the Boston Methodist Social Union, and the Presbyter Laymen's Council.

ife achieves significance only in ionship to our Creator. Otherwise only the Christmas tree on which ang the ornaments of our pride. ociety religion is the impulse of conscience that gives man the ca- y to be free, the capacity to use freedom with a sense of responsi- y toward the entire society."

this context, he said, America's stian laymen are the real archi- and builders of our nation.

MINE THREAT JORDAN

famine is threatening the Hashe- Kingdom of the Jordan, a part he Holy Land, according to infor- ion received at Lutheran World ef headquarters from Mr. Chris- Christiansen, director of Lutheran rld Service in the Near East.

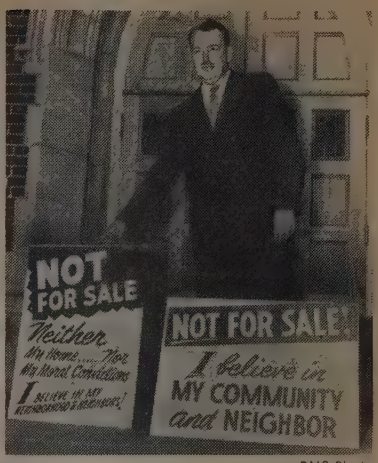
eporting that Jordan government ials have appealed to voluntary ncies for help, he told of the ght which has lasted since last ember becoming a catastrophe for country. He added that the farm- of Jordan are also slaughtering sands of sheep and goats because lack of fodder.

Concluding that "famine is definitely threatening big areas of Jordan and we shall need to help more than ever before during the next 12 months," Mr. Christiansen urged that wheat shipments be sent to the famine threatened areas as quickly as possible.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Dr. S. E. Engstrom of Minneapolis, director of the Board of American Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church, and one of the best known leaders in American Lutheranism, died suddenly of a heart attack on April 28 at the age of 48 years. He had been a leading figure in intersynodical and interdenominational activities. . . . Dr. Henry Endress, stewardship secretary of The United Lutheran Church in America, was named as the 1954 "Lutheran of the Year" by the National Federation of Lutheran Clubs. . . . The Rev. Christian R. Berg, Lutheran pastor who is director of relief and inter-church aid programs in the Soviet Zone of Germany and Berlin, arrived in the U. S. on April 27 for a three-month lecture tour. . . . The House of Representatives of Maine voted, 90-17, to memorialize Congress to ban all liquor advertising on television and radio. . . . Churches and charitable institutions are immune from liability suits, the Nebraska Supreme Court has ruled. It held that the state legislature's action in exempting charitable institutions from taxation "shows intent to treat them in a favored position." . . . Harold Belgum, director of social services for the Lutheran Welfare Society of Minnesota, has been elected president of the Lutheran Welfare Conference in America. . . . Instruction in the Roman Catholic religion and in morals has been halted in all Argentine public schools, the last in a series of steps to eliminate Catholic influence in education in that country. . . . Leaders of the National Association of Evangelicals were urged to see that adequate conservative Protestant churches are planned for new American communities, so that all church planning is not "left to the National Council of Churches."

HOUSES "NOT FOR SALE"



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The Rev. E. T. Sturgess, minister of Southeast Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Mo., is shown with his "Not for Sale" signs which he placed in front of his home to discourage neighborhood residents from selling their homes because some Negro families moved into the community. Disturbed over the situation, he also preached a sermon on the subject to his congregation and told the members about his signs. Response to his sermon was immediate. "Not for sale" signs appeared throughout the neighborhood. Negro families moving into the section were welcomed by other families who believed in their neighbors. The church has sold, at cost, more than 150 "Not for Sale" signs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT COUNTRY CLUB

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dies at the Louisville, Kentucky, Country Club attend Sunday school on the course's h hole" before being hired by golfers. The Club's Sunday school is believed to be nly one of its kind in the country. Teaching the boys is 38-year-old Bernie Alwes, n painter and a former caddy at the club. The boys are from the Point area, a gh" neighborhood on the Ohio River. They come from several religious backgrounds many have never gone to church. The school was established through the efforts of the Edwin Perry, pastor of nearby Broadway Baptist Church.

Schools and Colleges

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PASTOR FROST TO ADDRESS WALDORF GRADUATES

The Rev. Gerhard Frost, Chairman of the Department of Christianity at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, will be the Commencement speaker on Friday, June 3, 1955, at Waldorf College according to an announcement by President Sidney A. Rand. Mr. Frost has been a teacher at Luther College for the past ten years. He is an author of numerous articles in church periodicals and of "The Law Perfect," one of the series of study books prepared by the Department of Christian Education of the ELC for Sunday School teachers' training classes.

On Monday, March 21, during the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the college, it was decided that the cornerstone for Rasmusson Hall would be laid on Commencement Day at the conclusion of the Commencement exercises. Ground was broken for Rasmusson Hall last July 13 at the time of the meeting of the Waldorf Lutheran College Association. Progress on construction is continuing, and it is expected that the building will be completed and ready for occupancy at the time of the beginning of the fall semester this year.

Baccalaureate services for the 77 from the college department and seven from the high school department at Waldorf will be held in connection with the morning worship services at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 29. President Rand of the college will be the speaker.

AUGUSTANA HOLDS LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Approximately 90 officers and committee members of campus organizations at Augustana College attended the 1955 student leadership workshop at Lake Shetek near Slayton, Minnesota.

The first sesson on May 6 was led by Dr. Donald Fryxell, chairman of the English department. The presentation of his topic, "Leadership: Requisites and Responsibilities" was followed by a discussion under the direction of Dick Boettcher, Aberdeen.

Saturday's schedule included a panel discussion on "Explanation of College's Philosophy and Policies Regarding Social Activities" moderated by student body president James Bly, Formosa. Members of the panel were: Dr. L. M. Stavig; Dean Jorgen Thompson; Dean Fern Martinson; Anna Siem, Willow Lake; and Bob Newcomb, Sioux Falls. A skit on parliamentary procedure written by Delmar Smith, Rapid City; a discussion on chapel programs and attendance led by Mike Rogness, St. Paul; and a presentation of plans for a new union building at Augustana by Public Relations Director Tom Kilian were also included.

STUDENTS ADMITTED TO HONOR SOCIETY

Twenty seniors at St. Olaf received Phi Beta Kappa keys at an initiation ceremony recently at which Dr. A. C. Krey of the University of Minnesota was the speaker.

Fourteen of the students were elected to membership in the St. Olaf chapter this spring and the six others were chosen for membership last fall.

The twenty students included are Elaine Amidon, Appleton, Minn., Delores Anderson, Clear Lake, Iowa; Shirley Chelberg, Amery, Wis.; Lenise Christopher, Menomonie, Wis.; James Finholt, Oak Park, Ill.; Myron Fogde, Graettinger, Iowa; Gene Garthwaite, Rochester, Minn.; John Helling, Madelia, Minn.; Richard Hemstad, Willmar, Minn.; Gloria Kiester, Fairmont, Minn.; Richard Kleber, St. Cloud, Minn.; Carolyn Lyders, Fremont, Neb.; Clarice Neihaus, Grundy Center, Iowa; William Norby, Grand Forks, N. D.; Nels Olson, Detroit, Mich.; David Rice, Northfield, Minn.; Milton Sadd, Spring Grove, Minn.; Lee Simso, Minneapolis, Minn.; Marie Skramstad, Marshall, Minn.; Donald Thompson, Lake Mills, Iowa.

ST. OLAF ANNOUNCES COMMENCEMENT FESTIVITIES

Commencement at St. Olaf College this year begins Friday evening, June 3, when members of the 50th anniversary class, 1905, will be guests at the President's dinner. Later that evening, the graduation recital program will be given in the gymnasium.

Saturday, June 4, will be Alumni Day, with members of classes '05, '25, '30, '35 '40, '45, '50 and '54 holding special reunion dinners at noon. The Rev. Clifford J. Swanson, college pastor and a member of the class of '42, will be the speaker at alumni chapel services Saturday morning. Other activities include the alumni business meeting, annual golf tournament, the banquet and president's reception in the evening.

The Rev. E. C. Reinertson, class of '24 and president of the Southern Minnesota District of the ELC, will deliver the Baccalaureate service sermon at 10:45 a.m. in Boe Memorial Chapel. Commencement exercises will be conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday on the Boe Memorial Chapel terrace, weather permitting. The speaker will be Dr. F. C. Empie, executive director of the National Lutheran Council.

Commencement festivities will end Sunday evening with an all-college supper.

DR. EASTVOLD ADDRESSES GRADUATES OF PACIFIC LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The following article is taken from the Spring, 1955, issue of the official organ of Pacific Lutheran Seminary, Berkeley, California, the *Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary Bulletin*.

"The Rev. President S. C. Eastvold, D.D., will speak at Commencement, May 12, at St. Mark's, San Francisco. Dr. Eastvold, President since 1943 of Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, is an eminent Lutheran theologian and educator. His leadership of his college has brought to it phenomenal advance. The college now counts its assets in the millions of dollars, but is even prouder of its great and growing student body (1,300 plus) and of its scholarling academic and spiritual program. More than a few of our PLTS students have done college work at P.L.C. Eastvold is an indefatigable worker himself, and demands hard work of his faculty and students. A fervent Christian, and an engaging public speaker, he finds joy in proclaiming the message of the Gospel wherever he goes in all parts of the land."

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Of the 132 registered at the Convention, 67 were pastors and 65 were lay-delegates. All evening sessions were held jointly with the Women's Missionary Federation.

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DISTRICTS

Eastern

Calumet, Mich. The Rev. Ingvald Hustvedt of Minneapolis, who served First Lutheran Church of Calumet 1925-30, was guest preacher in this parish during Holy Week, conducting services on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Easter Monday. The Easter offering was given to Lutheran World Action.

De Soto, Wis. West Prairie Church, parish of the Rev. O. John Nesheim, will observe its centenary June 8-10. Guest speaker will be the Rev. F. I. Schmidt, president of the Eastern District. The congregation has had only eight pastors during the hundred years.

Northern Minnesota

Cook, Minn. An educational unit, which is the first unit of a future church structure, was dedicated by Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. Joel A. Olberg on May 15. The rite was administered by District President A. E. Hanson. The cost of the unit is $39,000.

Moorhead, Minn. On May 9 Trinity Church held a dinner meeting for forty-nine high school seniors who are members of the congregation. The guests were encouraged to apply for the scholarships offered by the church. Guest speaker was the Rev. Carroll Hinderlie, ELC youth director.

South Central

Primghar, Iowa. Grace Church, parish of the Rev. Carl Grindberg, recently gave a dinner in honor of this year's confirmands and 65 new members received during the past year. Guest speaker was the Rev. P. L. Kvitne of Paullina.

Forest City, Iowa. Rural Linden Church, parish of the Rev. Nels Flugum, had its new church dedicated Sunday, May 1.

Osage, Iowa. Our Saviour's Church, parish of the Rev. Luther H. Berven, dedicated its new pipe organ Sunday evening, May 1. Guest artist was Dr. Mario Salvador, organist and choirmaster at St. Louis New Cathedral. A week earlier the congregation received 66 new members, nine by adult baptism and 17 by adult confirmation.

South Dakota

Toronto, S. Dak. Ground was broken May 1 for the construction of a new church building by Leganger Church, parish of the Rev. J. L. F. Huseth. The new church, which together with an adjoining Sunday school unit will cost $71,000, will seat 325 persons in its nave. The building is expected to be ready in November.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER HONORED

Photo by Richard Davies

ng served for forty years as superintendent of Our Saviour's Sunday school in Jackson, ., A. J. Watland was honored by his congregation on April 24. In his honor a plaque placed on the door of a newly equipped room in the new educational building. nted directly to him was a "memory book" containing about forty congratulatory s from former pupils and ELC leaders with whom he had associations during his term of service as an ELC trustee. In the accompanying picture are seen Clifford ot, the new Sunday school superintendent; T. G. Overson, executive secretary, ELC d of Trustees; the Rev. A. Gordon Nasby; Mr. Watland; and Glenn Olson, chairman of ocal board of trustees.

ONE HUNDRED YOUTHFUL CHURCH SINGERS

Red River Scene Photo

The one hundred boys and girls appearing in the accompanying picture are members of three choir groups in Our Saviour's Church, Moorhead, Minn. They sing, either as separate units or as a joint group, every other Sunday at the early service. Their leader is Mrs. L. M. Larsen, wife of the pastor of the church.

Rocky Mountain

Opportunity, Wash. Sunday forenoon, April 17, the Rev. R. A. Daehlin, president of the Rocky Mountain District, installed the Rev. Eugene W. Nilsen as pastor of Christ Church. During the afternoon of the same day he dedicated the new church building of this young congregation.

Powell, Wyoming. Hope Church, parish of the Rev. J. M. Moe, dedicated its new church building April 24, with District President Daehlin as officiant. After receiving 45 new members on Palm Sunday (five were by adult baptism and six by adult confirmation) this young congregation has 166 members.

Canada

Mission City, B. C. A seven-room house in this town has recently been purchased as the parsonage of the Matsqui parish.

Edmonton, Alberta. Construction work is progressing on the new church building of Mount Zion Church, a new ELC congregation in this city. It was officially organized April 24, with a charter membership of 97. Groundbreaking took place the same day, District President Dale being the officiant. Pastor of Mount Zion parish is the R Conrad E. Lund.

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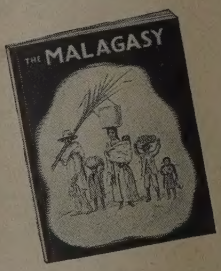

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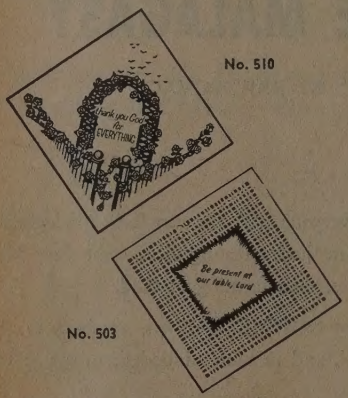

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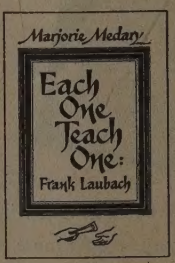

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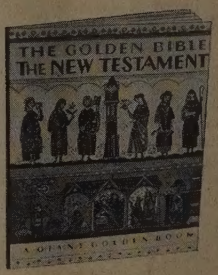

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